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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Supplementary European Search Report dated July 4, 2008 for corresponding European Application No. EP 03 79 2757), together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

Additionally, WO 01/71439 A1 was cited in a Chinese Office Action for counterpart Chinese Application No. 038198762 dated May 24, 2008, copy attached.

Also, Applicant submits an English language Abstract for WO 01/81525 A1.

Also, Applicant states that U.S. Patent No. 6,831,048 corresponds to WO 01/81525 A1.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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